



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. Vito Cannella
Ms. Rita Hall
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **DECEMBER 5, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó
Vice Chair Helen Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella
Rita Hall
John Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Others Present

Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services
Andrew Sevrin, Commission Services Staff

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 28, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Moore, and unanimously carried, the minutes of November 28, 2007 were approved, with no changes.

Commissioner Stathatos joined the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Commissioner Hall joined the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaño and Commissioner Moore thanked staff for the excellent job they did coordinating the Sybil Brand Commission Holiday Reception.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$558.17.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Andrew Sevrin, Staff, Commission Services gave the following reports:

- The Commissioners are scheduled for "Sexual Harassment and Cultural Diversity Training" on December 19, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room B-28.
- The Commissioners received an invitation from Aviva Family and Children's Services 24th Annual Conference entitled "Critical Issues of Adolescence" scheduled February 14, 2008, at the Sportsmen's Lodge, 4234 Coldwater Canyon, Studio City.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Stathatos reported Mr. Greg Wessles Director/Owner of Rosemary Children's Services – 53, #5, located at 500 South Oakland Avenue, Pasadena, contacted her to let her know the issues had been resolved.

FACILITY INSPECTION REPORTS FROM NOVEMBER 27 TO DECEMBER 4, 2007

Moore's Cottage – 40, #5 – Commissioner Stathatos

The facility was visited on November 1, 2007 and no one was home.

Cunningham Group Home – 13, #5 – Commissioners Bacio and Moore

The facility was visited on November 8, 2007 and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Staff records are kept at the Administrative Office.

Dangerfield Group Home – 14, #3 – Commissioners Bacio and Moore

The facility was visited on November 9, 2007 and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Needs and Service Plan and Staff Documentation are located at the Administrative Office.

New Outlook Boy's Home – 42, #2 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaño

The facility was visited on November 12, 2007 and found to be in poor condition.

Areas of Concern: Carpets are torn; chairs in entry and front room are torn; oven hood is filthy; microwave is dirty; filth and mold under kitchen sink, fire extinguishers need servicing; rear window of van is broken, and the vehicle license tag is dated expired from 2002. Commission will revisit the home for corrective action in 30 days.

Central Arraignment Branch Criminal Courthouse District – Commissioners Bacio and Hall

The facility was visited on November 29, 2007 and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Video cameras needed in Sergeant's Office to monitor lockup; need additional Release Deputy to process releases.

East Los Angeles Branch Courthouse – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

The facility was visited on December 3, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Casa Editha Foundation – 6, #4 – Commissioner Stathatos

The facility was visited on December 3, 2007 and found to be in good condition.

Zenith Youth Home – 67, #2 – Commissioners Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on December 4, 2007 and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Two (2) smoke detectors need batteries; two (2) bedrooms need the dressers replaced; rear security bar needs repair; bedroom #3 is messy; and window screen needs to be replaced.

T & T Home For Boys – 60, #5 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

The facility was visited on December 4, 2007 and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Bathtub needs caulking; sliding door needs to be replaced; client books need updating, and Needs and Service Plans are not current.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

Transportation Arrangements for Commissioners to Pitchess Detention Ranch Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting in memory of Homer F. Broome, the first African-American Captain and Commander of the Los Angeles Police Department at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Davis
Commission Services Division